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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GABELLAH VISITS SOUTH AFRICA

1. DR. ELIOT GABELLAH, JOINT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND INFORMATION, IMMIGRATION AND TOURISM, IN THE SALISBURY
INTERIM GOVERNMENT, VISITED SOUTH AFRICA YESTERDAY,
APRIL 19. AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, GABELLAH VISITED
THE RHODESIAN PAVILLION AT THE RAND TRADE SHOW CURRENTLY
BEING HELD IN JOHANNESBURG AND RECEIVED PRIZES AWARDED
TO THE PAVILLION.

2. GABELLAH, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, DESCRIBED THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE "PATHETIC FRONT" AND ASSERTED
THAT IT EXISTED ONLY IN THE MINDS OF NKOMO AND MUGABE.
HE ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE PROPOSED ALL-PARTY
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CONFERENCE "WOULD NOT AFFECT THE EXISTENCE OF
THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT." GABELLAH WAS SAID TO BE
RETURNING TO RHODESIA TODAY, APRIL 20.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO INFORMATION THAT GABELLAH
CONSULTED WITH SAG OFFICIALS DURING HIS SHORT VISIT.
NEVERTHELESS, THE VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY THE NEW

"JOINT FOREIGN MINISTER" SUGGESTS THAT THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND AT THIS POINT TO DISTANCE
ITSELF PUBLICLY FROM THE SAG. THE VISIT SHOULD BE
GRIST FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MILL.
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